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HER HIGHNESS IS A NOVICE

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うちの陛下が新米で。

前回までのあらすじ

ゼン

シュカの教育係兼お付き武官。前王・紅朱明(シュカの父)に拾われ育てられた過去を持ち、シュカの亡兄とも幼馴染同士だった。19歳。

劉凛

かつて紅夏国の民を苦しめた前々王の縁者。幼かったため命を取られず、その恩に報いるために王宮に仕官している。

紅朱華

15歳で紅夏国の王になった少女。後宮で超箱入りに育てられたため、人とのコミュニケーションが壊滅的。紅夏国に伝わる"王の力"を持っている。

李浪立

礼部長官。李家が王家・紅一族の系譜であることから王位継承権を持つ。シュカを后にし自らが王になろうとしている。

白虎の星々

紅夏国に伝わる神獣。シュカの"王の力"の前に屈し慣いた。シュカの強い想いを具現化させゼンのそっくりさんに変身する!?

伏等

ゼンと同期で将来を期待されている文官。シュカを甘やかしてしまうため、その都度ゼンと衝突している。

王宮に流行った病で紅蓮国の王だった父 紅朱明と母 世避ぎのお兄様たちがみんな死んでしまったため…
たったひとり生き残った王家の姫である私が"新王"に担ぎ出されてしまった訳です。
ということで 父のお付き武官をされていたゼンさんの助けを借りながら 私 シュカの"新米王"生活が始まりました!

国境沿いの領地間争を解決して 王宮に戻ってきた私に待っていたのは なんと李浪立さんとの婚約&退位話!?
いえいえ 私これからも王として頑張るつもりですから! 浪立さんに王位は譲りません!
さらに偽の護衛宮に襲われた私を助けてくれたゼンさんが 逆に事件の首謀者という嫌疑がかかって投獄されてしまって。

なんとかゼンさんを助けたい! 凛さんや伏等さんたちと協力して ゼンさん奪還作戦です! 凛さんの内密調査では この一連の事件は浪立さんに繋がっていたことが分かったのです…! そしてシンシンとの替え玉で脱出したゼンさんには 浪立さんが阿雲を成し遂げた隣国・蒼月国に潜入捜査していただくことに。一体 浪立さんの本当の目的はなんなんでしょう!?

with this love and affection within—
my chest, I vow loyalty my to you...

敬愛を胸に忠誠を捧ぐ

ただひとりの王のために——

The one true queen—

CHAPTER TEN ✿ THE QUEEN'S DETERMINATION THE RETAINER'S DECISION

THE CHINESE-STYLE ROMANTIC FANTASY OF THE NOVICE QUEEN AND HER WORRISOME RETAINER!
新米陛下と苦労性武官の中華風☆萌成ラブファンタジー!

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Fujiko Kasumi Presents!
湖住ふじこ

SFX: STARTLE!
HEY!
LISTEN!
Y—YES...?
SFX: GLANCE
I'M...
...HUN-GRY.
HEY!!!
I WONDER IF SHUKA WILL COME BACK SOON
↑ DYED BANGS
Fu Fuu
SHINSHIN'S SUCH A GOOD BOY ISN'T HE?
Ehh!?
You just ate!
whisper
Hey
YEAH.
ZEN'S ACTING WEIRD, ISN'T HE?

YOU DID A GOOD JOB OF SWITCHING OUT ZEN DURING THE PRISON BREAK.
SFX: ABRUPT!
GOOD JOB...?
WE NEED TO HURRY AND CORNER LOWEN-SAMA WHILE WE STILL HAVE THE CHANCE!
STRATEGY MEETING, FUHITO'S ROOM.
I THINK OUR BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS TO INFORM THE IMPERIAL COURT OF LOWEN-SAMA'S TRUE NATURE.
B—BUT...
EVEN IF WE TELL THE RETAINERS DIRECTLY, IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD...
...RIGHT?
YOU'RE RIGHT.

HER HIGHNESS IS ABSENT FROM TODAY'S PRIVATE COUNCIL, TOO.
IT WAS LIKE THAT OTHER DAY, TOO...
LOWEN-SAMA'S COURT IS COMPLETELY LOYAL TO HIM.
Seriously.
That's right.
URGH...
DOES SHE INTEND TO NEGLECT THESE IMPORTANT POLITICAL MATTERS?!
JUST HOW LONG IS SHE PLANNING ON STAYING LOCKED UP IN HER ROOM?
SFX: SLAM!
SFX: SLAM!
PLEASE, HOLD ON.
BUT HER HIGHNESS IS PERFORMING HER DUTIES PERFECTLY—
I BEG YOUR PAR-DON,
LOWEN-DONO...!
IT'S INEVITABLE THAT SHE WOULD GET SCARED AND LOCK HERSELF AWAY. LET'S TRY TO UNDERSTAND THAT.
HER HIGHNESS IS BEING TARGETED, YOU KNOW.

GREAT!
OHH...
JUST AS EXPECTED OF LOWEN-DONO!
WOW!
HE'S SO RELIABLE!
I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR STATE AFFAIRS ON HER BEHALF.
I CAN TAKE OVER IN THE INTERIM
WHY DON'T WE RELIEVE HER OF HER DUTIES FOR THE TIME BEING?
AHH... IF ONLY LOWEN-DONO WOULD HURRY UP AND MARRY SHUKA-SAMA,
YEAH!
THEN HE WOULD BECOME KING AND KOUKA COULD HAVE PEACE TOO...!
GOOD IDEA!
SFX: PISSED OFF!
HOW UNEXPECTED. WAS THE ATTACK ON HER HIGHNESS' LIFE JUST ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR PLOYS TO GAIN MORE POWER IN THE IMPERIAL COURT?
THANKS TO HER HIGHNESS, YOUR POPULARITY AMONG THE COURT HAS RISEN YET AGAIN, HASN'T IT, LOWEN-DONO?

SFX: SUDDEN LAUGHTER!
WHAT A WONDERFUL JOKE!
SFX: HA!
Haha!
.....!?
IT WAS SO GOOD, I ALMOST STARTED TO DOUBT LOWEN-DONO MYSELF!
RIGHT?!
Hahahaa!
IYAA— RYUU LIN PUT ON A GOOD PERFORMANCE WITH HER TOUGH ACT!
SFX: SMILES
SFX: GASP!
FOR HIM TO WIN OVER THIS MANY PEOPLE—

RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO ONE IN THE COURT WHO WOULD BELIEVE OUR SUSPICIONS ABOUT LOWEN-SAMA
IF WE CAN'T GET THEM TO LISTEN TO US, OUR STANDING WILL ONLY GROW WEAKER
Hmmm.
I under-stand, but still
WE'VE REALLY BEEN CORNERED, HUH?
WE CAN'T JUST SAY, "HE'S SUSPI-CIOUS."
WE NEED PROOF, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO DO SOME SNOOPING AROUND TO GET IT.
OUR OPPONENT IS A CLEVER MAN.
HE WON'T JUST MAKE THREATS IN ORDER TO GET WHAT HE WANTS. HE'LL ALSO TAKE SHOTS AT SHUKA-SAMA AS WELL.
IF WE SLIP UP, SHUKA-SAMA WILL BE IN DANGER.
THAT'S RIGHT. IF WE CAN'T FIND SOME WAY TO ELUDE HIM...

STOP TELLING US THAT OVER AND OVER.
It's just like you said...
TREM
BLES
HEY!
YOU'RE THINKING "EVERYONE'S GOING TO BE IN DANGER FOR MY SAKE" OR SOMETHING AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?!
Heh?!
WE LOVE YOU AND WILL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE.
SFX - SMACK!
smile
hesitant glance

Thank you, everyone.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANY-THING, YOUR HIGHNESS.
WE SHOULD SEND YOU BACK TO YOUR ROOM SOON BEFORE THE PATROLS START.
I'll take you
I'll protect the throne. I won't give it up.
Never.
ALTHOUGH WE SAID THAT...
AND THEN THERE WERE THREE...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO...?
SFX: STARTLED!
REGARDING OUR PLAN UNTIL ZEN LEAVES...
We've got to think of something good.
SFX: KNOCK! KNOCK!

SFX OPENS DOOR
AAAAHHH!!
HIDE!
IN THE MIDDLE OF A JAILBREAK!!
SFX WHIPS AROUND!
YES?
DO YOU NEED SOME-THING...?
.....
SFX GLEAMS
FUHITO-DONO!
SFX SLASH
SFX GASPS

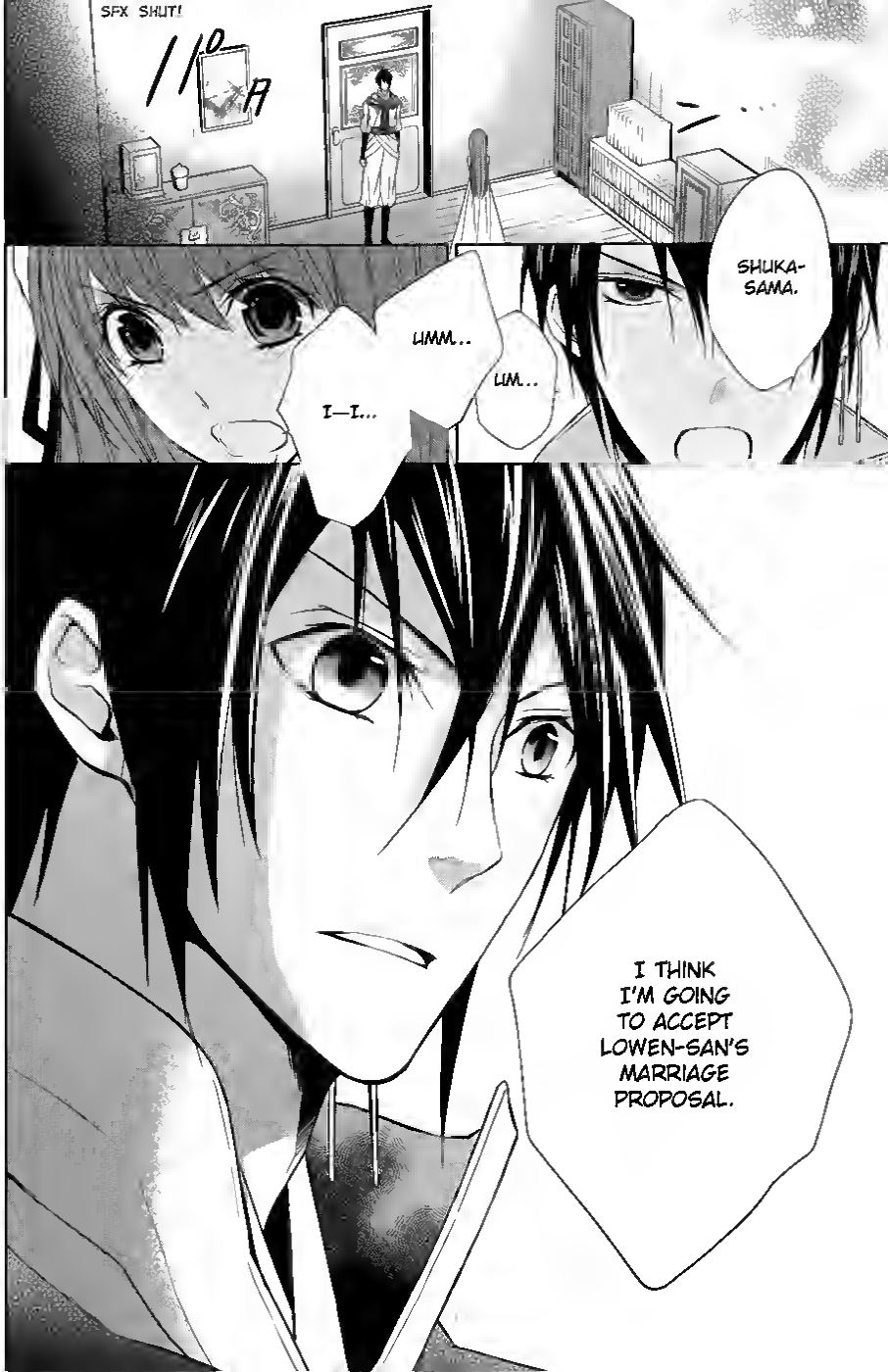
ACTUALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU.
ABOUT THE PERSON WHO ATTACKED HIM.
WHAT?!
FUHITO-SAN WAS—?!
MAY I HAVE A BIT OF YOUR TIME?

I'LL GET RIGHT TO THE POINT
How did he find out?
UHHH.....
AAAHH!
WAAAHH
NO?
SFX CHUCKLE
YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO LIE...
YOU'VE NOTICED IT, HAVEN'T YOU?
MY TRUE AIM.
EVEN WITH THAT DISGUSTING, TIMID NATURE OF YOURS.
AND NO MATTER HOW MANY WARNINGS HAVE PILED UP UNTIL NOW, YOU REFUSE TO GIVE UP THE THRONE.
THAT'S WHY I'LL ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME.

THAT'S... YOU—
YOUR HIGH-NESS...
I HAVE NO DESIRE TO TRICK YOU.
THE IMPERIAL COURT IS IN MY HANDS.
THERE'S NO ONE LEFT ON YOUR SIDE.
HOW ABOUT YOU STOP PLAYING THE HELPLESS VICTIM?
I'M MERELY THINKING OF WHAT'S BEST FOR THE FUTURE OF THE KOUKA KINGDOM.

FOR THE SAKE OF THE KINGDOM, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TURN THE THRONE OVER TO ME.
IF YOU DO THAT,
THE KING-DOM...
AND THE PEOPLE YOU CARE ABOUT...
YOU CAN PROTECT ALL OF THEM...
With my decision...
WITH JUST ONE DECISION.

EH?
HE THREAT-ENED YOU?!
ARE YOU HURT...?!
Shakes head!
I HAD NO IDEA FUHITO-SAN WAS IN SUCH A STATE...
N-NO! I'M PER-FECTLY FINE!
I GOT TREATMENT FOR MY INJUR-IES. LUCKILY I SUSTAINED NO PERMANENT DAMAGE.
YES?
I HAVE SOMETHING I NEED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT...
IN THAT CASE, WE'LL GO TO THE OTHER ROOM...
I was only grazed
NO WAY.. IS HE NOT AFRAID TO SHOW US HIS TRUE COLORS ANYMORE?
I didn't think he had any followers here!
UM... SPEAKING OF, ZEN-SAN...


SFX SHUT!
SHUKA-SAMA.
UMM...
UM...
I—I...
I THINK I'M GOING TO ACCEPT LOWEN-SAN'S MARRIAGE PROPOSAL.

I'VE ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH EVERY-ONE ..
...THE BEST WAY TO ELUDE LOWEN-SAN
IF I DO THIS...
I THINK I CAN AVERT ATTENTION AWAY FROM YOU ALL.
O—OF COURSE,
THE P—PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE WILL BE AN ACT.
EVEN IF I MARRY SOMEONE OUT OF TRUE LOVE,
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GIVING UP THE THRONE.
I WILL NOT TURN OVER THE THRONE TO SOMEONE WHO HURTS PEOPLE...
...FOR WHAT THEY SAY IS THE SAKE OF THE KOUKA KINGDOM.
BUT...
EVEN IF IT'S AN ACT.
EVEN IF I GIVE UP THE THRONE FOR A BRIEF TIME, I WILL NOT YIELD TO HIM.

THAT'S WHY...
I won't give up...
I WANTED TO TELL ZEN-SAN FIRST.
...!
...on my heart's true feelings.
I don't...
...want to disappoint Zen-san.

SHUKA-SAMA...
?
I've thought about it over and over.
When Fuhito was attacked,
My body instantly ran to Shuka-sama's side.
If she were in some sort of danger...
However...
I had— planned to go to her, even in the midst of having escaped from prison.

I couldn't stand in front of her.
Or even protect her at all.
As I am now...
It made me so angry.
SFX: CLENCH!
SFX: SURPRISED!
If I do that...
SHUKA-SAMA.
Y—Y-YES!!!
I'VE LET YOU DOWN AND YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE ME FOR GOOD, RIGHT?!
However, this is no time for regrets.
I need to set my sights on the future.

EH...?
I'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK FOR YOU.
What I must now do.
IN ORDER TO REMAIN QUEEN, YOU'VE MADE A DECISIVE CHOICE. AND THAT'S YOUR DECISION
To defend your heart.
SEEING HOW MUCH YOU'VE GROWN. .
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL PROUD FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
If I can't stay by your side, then at the very least...

I must steal some of your hope and courage.
I WON'T LET YOUR DECISION GO TO WASTE!
You, who has the will and determination to face her enemies head on...
I REFUSE TO LOSE YOU, SHUKA, QUEEN OF THE KOUKA KINGDOM.
I REFUSE.
I WILL DEFINITELY COME BACK FOR YOU.

Tears up
Waaa
Th-Thank goodness!
I thought you were going to g-give up on me
Uhuh!
WE'LL DO EVERY-THING IN OUR POWER TO HELP.
SHUKA-SAMA, PLEASE INFORM THE OTHER TWO OF THE DECISION YOU'VE MADE.
WITH YOUR OWN WORDS.
Offer
STAND TALL.

IF I HAND IT OVER TO HIM, YOU WILL NO LONGER BE IN DANGER.
THAT SHOULD DETER LOWEN-SAN'S VIGILANT WATCH AND...
DURING THAT TIME...
IN OTHER WORDS, IF LOWEN-SAN'S GOAL IS TO TAKE THE THRONE...
I WANT EVERYONE TO SEIZE THE DESTROYED EVIDENCE OF LOWEN-SAN'S ULTERIOR MOTIVES.
I LEARNED FROM RIN-SAN...
THAT IT'S OKAY TO RELY ON THOSE YOU TRUST.
RIGHT NOW, I CAN'T MAKE A MOVE ON MY OWN. I KNOW IT'S A TERRIBLE SITUATION TO BE IN.
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, I WANT TO PROTECT THE THRONE.
SO...

bows
YOUR HIGH-NESS...
LEND ME YOUR POWER.
PLEASE.
B—BUT THAT PLAN IS—
SFX: GASP!
W-WHA!
IF BY SOME CHANCE WE AREN'T ABLE TO DEFEAT LOWEN-SAMA,
THEN YOUR HIGHNESS WILL BE TRAPPED LIKE THAT—
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?!
GAH—!!
SMACK!
My injury!
I'VE ALREADY COME TO TERMS WITH THAT POSSI-BILITY.
HOW-EVER...
I BELIEVE IN MY RETAINERS.
I BELIEVE THAT NO MATTER WHAT, THEY'LL FIND A LEAD THAT WILL EXPOSE THE TRUTH AND BRING IT BACK TO ME.

.....!
Y...
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS!
SFX SNEAK
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

LOWEN-SAMA.
I ACCEPT YOUR MARRIAGE PROPOSAL.
YOU SURPRISED ME A BIT.
IS THAT... SO...?
IT'S JUST HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN OBSTINATE WOMAN
HE'S HAD SUCH A SUDDEN CHANGE OF HEART...
...I SEE.
IN THAT CASE, I WANT PROOF.
DART!
PROOF THAT YOU'RE NOT LYING.
A KISS, PERHAPS?

In order to protect the seat of the king.
It'll be all right.
I can endure this much.
SFX: TLIO
I can endure this.

SFX: FLINCH!
If it's to make sure he doesn't see through me...
SFX: TOUCH
CLENCH!
If it's to gain his trust...
I can endure this much...!
SFX: GLARE!

I'M JOKING.
LOVE IS IRRELEVANT TO THIS MARRIAGE.
I APOLOGIZE FOR PUTTING ON AN ACT.
NEVERTHELESS, I THANK YOU.
ON BEHALF OF KOUKA'S FUTURE.
MY RESPECT FOR YOUR RESOLUTION AND DECISION KNOWS NO BOUNDS.
IN TEN DAYS FROM NOW, WE'LL HOLD A CEREMONY ANNOUNCING OUR ENGAGEMENT TO THE PUBLIC.

SFX: EXHALE!
The time limit...
...is ten days.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL HISHOU.
SFX: TURN!

THE THING IS...
I HAVE A SERIOUS MATTER...
...TO DISCUSS WITH YOU...
ZEN-SAMA...?!
THERE'S A MORE PRESSING MATTER AT HAND.
NO WAY.. LOWEN-SAMA IS THAT KIND OF PERSON...?
HOWEVER, I CAN'T LEAVE HER HIGHNESS ALONE.
TOMORROW MORNING, I'M LEAVING FOR A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY.
PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU.
ZE-
ZEN-SAMA!
THAT'S WHY, HISHOU...
WILL YOU PROTECT HER HIGHNESS IN MY STEAD?

THERE'S NO ONE ELSE I CAN ASK THIS OF.
PLEASE STOP, ZEN-SAMA!
I KNOW IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE WHAT I'VE SAID ABOUT LOWEN SAMA'S INSURRECTION, ESPECIALLY SO SUDDENLY.
BUT THERE'S NO ONE ELSE I CAN TRUST BUT YOU.
Does that mean he trusts us, the elite guard?
THE ENEMY IS SOMEBODY WHO IS WILLING TO HARM THE QUEEN IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE HIS GOALS.
For him to be so open about such an important matter...
.....!
HOWEVER, AS I AM NOW, I HAVE NO WAY TO PROTECT HER.

...Is getting this emotional.
DOES ZEN-SAMA PERHAPS...
Zen-sama, who always maintains a cool head...
It's more than that...
I'M BEGGING YOU...
Harbour special feelings...
For her highness?
Whatever they may be, it doesn't matter.
NO, IT'S FINE
SFX: HA!

ZEN-SAMA.
I...
I will hold pride in the fact that he trusts us.
Each one of us...
I UNDER STAND. LEAVE IT TO ME
...exists for only one purpose.
THANK YOU.
MY PLEASURE.
...To grant his wishes.

Each one of them...
...has their own hopes and desires.
Zzz...
DAYLIGHT IS BREAKING—
RIN! FUHITO!

I LEAVE IT TO YOU.
SHUKA-SAMA...
I WILL RETURN.
PLEASE, BE SAFE
squeeze!
YOU TOO, SHUKA-SAMA!
!

I—
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!
PLEASE.
KEEP YOUR PROMISE, OKAY?
I will definitely come back for you.

SFX SQUEEZE!
I WILL.
NO MATTER WHAT...!
IN THAT CASE...
I ORDER THE THREE OF YOU...
No matter how far away we are...
FIND A WAY TO CRUSH LI LOWEN'S PLOT.
AND BRING IT BACK TO ME.
There is only one thing my heart desires.

◆ WITH RESOLUTION AND DETERMINATION IN HIS HEART, THE TIME FOR DEPARTURE HAS ARRIVED!

The time limit is...

Ten days.

つづく To Be Continued...

THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF.
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

IT'S SUCH A PITY TOO WE HAVE SO MANY LOVELY PROJECTS THAT ARE JUST DYING FOR STAFF
Hug me
hold me
Love me♥
!
Want faster releases and more projects? Go to http://fallensyndicate.wordpress.com/join/ to find out more on how to help.
?
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL, MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES
STARE

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